Private cellular service providers

2144. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the private companies providing cellular phone services in India alongwith their investment and the number of subscribers, as on date;

(b) how do they compare with B.S.N.L. and M.T.N.L. in terms of size, technology and infrastructure; and

(c) whether it is a fact that some of the private companies are using the infrastructural facilities of BSNL and MTNL for their cellular services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) The list of companies (Private, BSNL & MTNL) licensed to provide Mobile Phone Service in India and their subscriber base as on 31st January, 2006 is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). The license for mobile services is technology neutral. However, all the mobile operators including BSNL and MTNL are using state of the art technology.

The capital investment made in the mobile sector is not separately maintained. However, as per the estimates of Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) and inputs from some of the private operators, the capital investment made in the mobile sector till December, 2005 is about Rs. 60,000 crores.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Statement

List of Companies Licensed to provide Mobile Phone Services in India and their Subscriber Base as on 31.01.2006

Service Provider	Service Area	Mobile Connections as on 31.01.2006
1	2	3
Aircel Cellular Ltd.	Chennai	677,815
Aircel Digilink India Ltd.	Haryana	344,998

1	2	3
Aircel Digilink India Ltd.	Rajasthan	527,136
Aircel Digilink India Ltd.	Uttar Pradesh (East)	1,209,445
Aircel Ltd.	Tamil Nadu	1,602,380
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited	Andhra Pradesh	1,053,728
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited	Assam	308,346
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited	Bihar	782,889
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited	Chennai	509,118
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited	Gujarat	827,750
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited	Haryana	482,490
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited	Himachal Pradesh	210,166
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited	Jammu & kashmir	426,384
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited	Karnataka	1,112,005
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited	Kerala	1,425,438
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited	Kolkata	403,538
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited	Madhya Pradesh	387,966
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited	Maharashtra	10,56,053
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited	North East	176,853
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited	Orissa	476,399
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited	Punjab	383,020
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited	Rajasthan	953,830
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited	Tamil Nadu	1,339,658
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited	Uttar Pradesh (East)	1,581,512
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited	Uttar Pradesh (West)	892,797
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited	West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar	583,060
Bharti Cellular Ltd	Andhra Pradesh	1,534,879
Bharti Cellular Ltd	Bihar	665,241
Bharti Cellular Ltd	Chennai	610,968
Bharti Cellular Ltd	Delhi	1,895,680
Bharti Cellular Ltd	Gujarat	791,524
Bharti Cellular Ltd	Haryana	384,948

1	2	3
Bharti Cellular Ltd	Himachal Pradesh	332,955
Bharti Cellular Ltd	Jammu & Kashmir	240,893
Bharti Cellular Ltd	Karnataka	2,001,370
Bharti Cellular Ltd	Kerala	529,444
Bharti Cellular Ltd	Kolkata	604,661
Bharti Cellular Ltd	Madhya Pradesh	403,769
Bharti Cellular Ltd	Maharashtra	1,211,226
Bharti Cellular Ltd	Mumbai	1,135,954
Bharti Cellular Ltd	Orissa	364,527
Bharti Cellular Ltd	Punjab	1,542,103
Bharti Cellular Ltd	Tamil Nadu	698,659
Bharti Cellular Ltd	Uttar Pradesh (East)	543,207
Bharti Cellular Ltd	Uttar Pradesh (West)	519,132
Bharti Cellular Ltd	West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar	291,642
Bharti Hexacon Ltd	North East	22,999
Bharti Hexacon Ltd	Rajasthan	918,233
Bharti Tele-Ventures Ltd	Assam	29,156
Bpl Mobile Cellular Ltd	Kerala	431,102
Bpl Mobile Cellular Ltd	Maharashtra	683,651
Bpl Mobile Cellular Ltd	Tamil Nadu	467,216
Bpl Mobile Communications Ltd	Mumbai	1,334,272
Bta Cellcom Ltd	Madhya Pradesh	649,095
Dishnet Wireless Ltd	Assam	34,992
Dishnet Wireless Ltd	Jammu & Kashmir	2,445
Dishnet Wireless Ltd	North East	36,427
Dishnet Wireless Ltd	Orissa	19,469
Dishnet Wireless Ltd	West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar	7,522
Fascel Ltd	Gujarat	2,012,797

1	2	3
Hfcl Infotel Ltd	Punjab	65,704
Hutchison Essar Mobile Services Ltd	Delhi	1,742,136
Hutchison Essar South Ltd	Andhra Pradesh	756,395
Hutchison Essar South Ltd	Chennai	375,328
Hutchison Essar South Ltd	Karnataka	964,612
Hutchison Essar South Ltd	Punjab	605,837
Hutchison Essar South Ltd	Uttar Pradesh (West)	501,369
Hutchison Essar South Ltd	West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar	417,158
Hutchison Max Telecom Limited	Mumbai	1,838,818
Hutchison Telecom East Ltd	Kolkata	869,113
Idea Cellular Ltd	Andhra Pradesh	850,858
Idea Cellular Ltd	Delhi	832,183
Idea Cellular Ltd	Gujarat	914,163
Idea Cellular Ltd	Maharashtra	1,631,574
Idea Mobile Communication Ltd	Haryana	273,456
Idea Mobile Communication Ltd	Kerala	768,101
Idea Mobile Communication Ltd	Uttar Pradesh (West)	813,111
Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited	Delhi	742,647
Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited	Mumbai	888,027
Reliable Internet Services Ltd	Kolkata	19,191
Reliance Infocomm Ltd	Andhra Pradesh	1,336,578
Reliance Infocomm Ltd	Bihar	481,648
Reliance Infocomm Ltd	Chennai	492,658
Reliance Infocomm Ltd	Delhi	1,445,307
Reliance Infocomm Ltd	Gujarat	769,038
Reliance Infocomm Ltd	Haryana	239,235

1	2	3
Reliance Infocomm Ltd	Himachal Pradesh	13,648
Reliance Infocomm Ltd	Karnataka	900,328
Reliance Infocomm Ltd	Kerala	641,281
Reliance Infocomm Ltd	Kolkata	669,471
Reliance Infocomm Ltd	Madhya Pradesh	696,844
Reliance Infocomm Ltd	Maharashtra	1,027,303
Reliance Infocomm Ltd	Mumbai	1,258,925
Reliance Infocomm Ltd	Orissa	185,076
Reliance Infocomm Ltd	Punjab	537,975
Reliance Infocomm Ltd	Rajasthan	630,043
Reliance Infocomm Ltd	Tamil Nadu	710,554
Reliance Infocomm Ltd	Uttar Pradesh (East)	914,837
Reliance Infocomm Ltd	Uttar Pradesh (West)	596,035
Reliance Infocomm Ltd	West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar	272,390
Reliance Telecom Ltd	Assam	185,053
Reliance Telecom Ltd	Bihar	502,281
Reliance Telecom Ltd	Himachal Pradesh	62,030
Reliance Telecom Ltd	Madhya Pradesh	500,159
Reliance Telecom Ltd	North East	53,818
Reliance Telecom Ltd	Orissa	179,906
Reliance Telecom Ltd	West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar	227,410
Shyam Telelink Ltd	Rajasthan	27,193
Spice Communication Ltd	Karnataka	366,263
Spice Communication Ltd	Punjab	1,351,215
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Andhra Pradesh	461,078
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Bihar	83,135
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Chennai	86,556

1	2	3
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Delhi	606,280
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Gujarat	215,451
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Haryana	164,781
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Himachal Pradesh	17,151
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Karnataka	306,005
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Kerala	127,541
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Kolkata	221,320
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Madhya Pradesh	124,060
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Maharashtra	338,241
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Mumbai	362,203
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Orissa	42,528
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Punjab	192,372
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Rajasthan	171,485
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Tamil Nadu	113,431
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Uttar Pradesh (East)	164,117
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Uttar Pradesh (West)	187,203
Tata Teleservices Ltd	West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar	76,266
	TOTAL :	79,992,419

Note: These figures does not include Wireless in Local Loop (Limited mobility) connections provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited/Mahanagar Telephone Limited.

Amendments to Indian Post Office Act

†2145. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to bring amendment to the Indian Post Office Act to check the increasing competition faced by postal department in view of the expanding network of courier companies; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.